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Title: TRICYCLIC COMPOUNDS AND THEIR
USES AS ANTIARRHYTHMIC
ANTIFIBRILLATORY AND
DEFIBRILLATORY AGENTS

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Examiner: Brenda L. Coleman

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231RESPONSE TO FIRST PCT WRITTEN OPINION

Dear Examiner:

This is in response to the first PCT Written Opinion mailed 17 September 2001, which response is being made on or before 17 September 2001, the two-month due date for reply to the PCT Written Opinion.

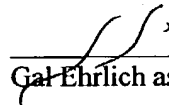
The Examiner is respectfully made aware that the PCT publication, International Publication Number WO 01/15656 A2, having publication date of 08 March 2001, of the above indicated PCT International Application was used for performing the following amendments. Accordingly, please note that use of the phrase "originally filed" herein, is to be clearly understand as being with reference to the 'originally filed application as appearing in the just stated PCT publication document'.

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the Written Opinion, the Examiner cited and explained that original claims 3 - 5, 8 - 10, 12 - 13, 15, 17 - 20, 22, 23, 25 - 30, 32, and, 39 - 44, indicated by claims 3 - 5, 8 - 10, 12 - 13, 15, 17 - 20, 21, 22, 23 - 29, 31, and, 35 - 40, respectively, in the replacement set of claims, meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the compounds, compositions, and method of use of the compounds as claimed herein. The Examiner also cited and explained that original claims 1 - 45, indicated by claims 1 - 40, respectively, in the replacement set of claims, meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), for industrial applicability. The Examiner made no new citations since the mailing of the International Search Report, Mar. 30, 2001.

By this Response, including the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests that replacement set of claims 1 - 40 be used for establishing the International Preliminary Examination Report, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


Gal Ehrlich as Agent for Applicant

Date: November 19, 2001